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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Request for Public Comment: 60 Day Proposed Information Collection:

Environmental Health Assessment of Tribal Child Care Centers in the Pacific Northwest

AGENCY: Indian Health Service, HHS.

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which requires 60 days advance opportunity for public comment on proposed information collection projects, the Indian Health Service (IHS) is publishing for comment a summary of proposed information collection to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review.

PROPOSED COLLECTION: *Proposed Collection: Title:* 0917-NEW, “Indian Health Service Environmental Health Assessment of Tribal Child Care Centers in the Pacific Northwest.” *Type of Information Collection Request:* Three year approval of this new information collection, 0917–NEW, “Indian Health Service Environmental Health Assessment of Tribal Child Care Centers in the Pacific Northwest.”

Form(s): Child Care Center Director Questionnaire and Pesticide Applicator Questionnaire.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* [INSERT 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. Your comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having full effect if received within 60 days of the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send your written comments, requests for more information on the collection, or requests to obtain a copy of the data collection instrument and instructions to Ms. Celeste Davis by one of the following methods:

- *Mail:* Ms. Celeste Davis, Director, Division of Environmental Health Services/
Emergency Management Coordinator, U.S. DHHS/Indian Health Service, 1414
NW Northrup St, 800, Portland OR 97209.
- *Phone:* 503-414-7774.
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Division is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Title of Proposal: **Environmental Health Assessment of Tribal Child Care Centers in the Pacific Northwest.**

OMB Control Number: To be assigned.

Need for the Information and Proposed Use:

The Portland Area IHS and EPA seek to conduct an environmental health assessment of tribal child care centers in Portland Area Indian Country (in the states of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho). There is a significant data gap regarding the levels of lead, allergens, pesticides, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in child care centers within Portland Area Indian country. This research will help us understand the potential for exposure to these chemicals among children who attend. For example, *Eliminating Childhood Lead Poisoning: A Federal Strategy Targeting Lead Paint Hazards*, produced by the President's Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Children discusses the need for more data on lead levels in licensed child care facilities. Also, data is limited on the interrelationships between exposure factors, building factors, and community factors and their combined impact on children's exposures from chemical agents in child care environments. Non-chemical stressors, such as noise, number of windows in the child care center, tree cover, and shade cover in play area, will be included in data collection. Community factors, such as mapping the locations of the child care facilities, roads, and agricultural operations, will be included in data collection in order to evaluate the relationship between indoor air quality and the outdoor environment.

IHS and EPA will also incorporate follow-up outreach and education with facilities to explain results and suggest corrective actions to remediate or reduce exposures

from lead, allergens, pesticides, and PCBs that are detected in the facilities. The principal purpose of this project is to provide valuable data about the levels of lead, allergens, pesticides, and PCBs in child care facilities located in Portland Area Indian Country. This project will help prioritize services and funding based on known needs and risks in order to help facilities obtain needed services. This data may help tribes secure funding from the federal Head Start program and other funding sources for repairs, rehabilitations or other corrective action. This study may also provide federal Head Start and Tribal Programs with data to improve standards and initiate policy changes, if necessary. IHS will also provide indoor air quality kits to the facilities and environmental health training to center staff to provide methods and practices for preventing and controlling indoor environmental hazards. This project may be replicated in other IHS areas.

Agency Form Numbers: None.

Members of Affected Public: Operators of tribal child care facilities and pesticide applicators who work in child care facilities.

Status of the Proposed Information Collection: New request.

The table below provides: Types of data collection instruments, Estimated number of respondents, Number of responses per respondent, Annual number of responses, Average burden hour per response, and Total annual burden hours.

Data Collection Instrument	Type of Respondent	No. of Respondents	No. Responses per Respondent	Average Burden per Response (hours)	Estimated Burden Hours
Child Care Center Director Questionnaire	Child Care Center Director	45	1	1.5	67.5
Pesticide Applicator Questionnaire	Pesticide Applicator	30	1	0.5	15
Total	75	82.5

There are no direct costs to respondents other than their time to voluntarily complete the forms and submit them for consideration.

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Dated: July 13, 2016

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